

*AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION*

At page 1, line 8, please insert:

**INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL ELECTRONICALLY FILED**

Incorporated by reference in its entirety herein is a computer-readable nucleotide/amino acid sequence listing submitted concurrently herewith and identified as follows: One 6,105 Byte ASCII (Text) file named "252024.seq2," created on January 14, 2008.

Please replace the paragraph at page 19, lines 19-21, with:

The receptor, which is 538 amino acids in length, is most closely related to human IL-2 beta receptor, and contains a WSXWS (SEQ ID NO: 17) modifier in the extracellular region, typical of type-1 cytokine receptors.

Please replace the Sequence Listing with the Sequence Listing submitted herewith:

The sequence listing has been amended to include SEQ ID NO: 17, which WSXWS referenced at page 19, lines 19-21, of the specification. A replacement sequence listing is enclosed herewith.